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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 KENYON TAYLOR,

13 Defendant.

14 CASE NO. CR18-00155-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Kenyon Taylor's motion for early  
16 termination of supervised release (Dkt. No. 61). Having thoroughly considered the motion and  
17 the relevant record, the Court DENIES the motion for the reasons explained herein.

18 In March 2019, Mr. Taylor pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute  
19 methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. (*See*  
20 Dkt. No. 35 at 1.) The Court sentenced Mr. Taylor to 72 months of imprisonment followed by  
21 three years of supervised release. (*See* Dkt. No. 44 at 2–3.) His term of supervision began in  
22 February 2023 and is scheduled to end in February 2026. (*See* Dkt. No. 63 at 1.) Mr. Taylor now  
23 moves for early termination of his supervised release, citing his rehabilitation efforts and positive  
24 contributions to his community. (*See* Dkt. No. 61 at 1–3.)

25 The Court may terminate a term of supervised release after the defendant has served at  
26 least one year of the term if the Court finds that termination is warranted by the defendant's

1 conduct, and that doing so is in the interests of justice. 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(1). When ruling on a  
 2 motion for early termination, the Court must consider various factors, including the nature of the  
 3 defendant's crime, the defendant's characteristics, the need to protect the public from further  
 4 criminal conduct, the need to provide the defendant access to correctional support, and the need  
 5 to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities among similarly situated defendants. *Id.* (citing  
 6 factors in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)).

7 Mr. Taylor has performed well while on supervision. He has had only one violation  
 8 report in 2023—for allegedly consuming alcohol and failing to notify Probation of his address  
 9 change—and Probation recommended no action by the Court. (Dkt. No. 59 at 2.) He has also  
 10 maintained stable employment, sobriety, housing, and communication with Probation. (Dkt. No.  
 11 63 at 2.) However, the Government opposes termination of supervision because of Mr. Taylor's  
 12 prior criminal history and a recent civil protection order<sup>1</sup> issued against him. (*See id.* at 1–4.)  
 13 And Probation recommends against it for much the same reason. (Dkt. No. 66 at 2.)

14 While the Court commends Mr. Taylor's rehabilitation efforts, it agrees with the  
 15 Government that the recent domestic violence protection order issued against him<sup>2</sup> necessitates  
 16 continued supervision. Because of the violent nature of the conduct underlying the protection  
 17 order, there remains a need to protect the public from Mr. Taylor, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2)(C),  
 18 and the Court does not find that terminating the remainder of his supervision to be in the interest  
 19 of justice.

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20 <sup>1</sup> On January 23, 2025, a King County superior court issued a domestic violence protection order  
 21 against Mr. Taylor protecting the mother of Mr. Taylor's children. (*See* Dkt. Nos. 64 at 1, 64-1 at  
 22 2.) In issuing the protection order, that court found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Mr.  
 23 Taylor subjected her to domestic violence. (*See* Dkt. No. 64-1 at 5.)

24 <sup>2</sup> The protection order defines domestic violence as “physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the  
 25 infliction of fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault nonconsensual sexual conduct or  
 26 nonconsensual sexual penetration; coercive control; unlawful harassment; or stalking.” (Dkt. No.  
 64-1 at 5.) Although this is “a range of possible misconduct,” (Dkt. No. 64 at 2), all of the  
 possibilities raise concerns for public safety. And Mr. Taylor's contact with his children and  
 ongoing family court proceedings, (*see id.* at 2), do not obviate the threat to the mother of his  
 children.

1 For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Taylor's motion for early termination of supervised  
2 release (Dkt. No. 61) is DENIED.

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4 DATED this 2nd day of June 2025.

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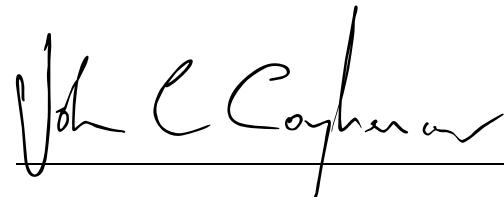
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John C. Coughenour  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE